

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Application Status

Claims 1-7, 19 and 20 were pending in the subject application. All were rejected. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 19 will have been revised and claims 2 and 20 will have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-7, and 19 will be pending and before the examiner for consideration.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112 Second Paragraph And Allowable Subject Matter

All of the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Office Action, however, indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to not depend from a rejected base claim. Although applicant does not agree or acquiesce in the rejections, in order to expedite issuance of a patent, the claims presented herein have been amended to include the limitations of previous claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims presented herein is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The claims currently before the examiner are supported throughout the specification and are patentable over the prior art. No new matter has been added. This application is now in full condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

This amendment is believed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 50-0951.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this amendment, or if the examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the

prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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